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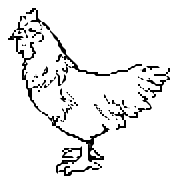
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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Majority prices were lower in the West, unchanged to lower elsewhere. Trade sentiment was mixed, but overall no better than steady. Retail demand was slow to fair at best with few features to aid movement. Food service was better, covering the full range. Supplies of all sizes were more than sufficient with heavier sizes ample in the West. In the parts structure, wings were fully adequate to ample and continued to have difficulty clearing. Breast items were at least adequate with limited interest, and dark meat was available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were light to heavy, but mostly desirable.

**Final report** of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 10/07/02-10/12/02 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A		COMPOSITE		
	MAJORITY	(Includes branded product)	LOADS	WTD	LOADS
		WTD AVG			
Bos/New Eng	42.00-47.00	43.71	14	48.56	32
Chicago	40.00-43.00	43.38	43	45.73	80
Cincinnati	TFEWR	—	—	51.26	22
Cleveland	TFEWR	—	—	60.06	9
Denver	67.50	67.50	16	66.50	18
Detroit	42.00	43.40	10	51.32	32
Los Angeles	68.00	65.31	64	61.40	125
New York	44.00-46.00	45.86	22	47.33	46
Philadelphia	44.50-46.00	45.45	11	44.80	23
Pittsburgh	44.00-47.00	45.92	12	52.37	58
St. Louis	43.00	42.55	20	43.97	43
San Francisco	68.50	67.15	30	65.87	57

### Composite 12 City Weighted Average

Loads	10/07/02	Change/Last Wk	09/30/02	10/08/01
545	52.97	-0.10	53.07	60.69

**WOG BROILERS** (without giblets) - prices paid per lb delvd to first receivers in trucklot and less than trucklot quantities.

REGIONS	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS
East	46.00-49.00	48.14	36
Central	44.00-52.00	49.88	58
West	43.00-51.00	49.49	43

### Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent

Mississippi	59.00-62.00	62.05	81
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**GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES** Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 63.50 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

LOADS	RANGE	MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
1,159	40.00-65.50	62.09

The Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed final weighted average prices on ice packed parts:

ITEM	WTD AVG (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	178.50	1,372
BREASTS - B/S	141.00	4,893
BREASTS - WHOLE	70.50	1,165
THIGH MEAT - B/S	60.00	881
LEG QUARTERS	19.00	9,240
WINGS	55.50	3,177

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**NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER** Trucklot buying activity was generally fair at best entering the week. Offerings of all sizes were sufficient for most immediate needs. Movement through retail and distributive channels was limited. The market tone was steady. In the parts complex, breast items were at least adequate. Dark meat cuts were fully sufficient. Wings and tenderloins remained available.

**SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Trade sentiment was no better than steady. Demand following the weekend was light for retail with few features, and fair to moderate for food service. Supplies of all sizes were more than sufficient for limited needs. In the parts structure, wings were ample and remained slow to clear, even with discounts noted. The remaining items were at least adequate and readily available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

**WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Majority prices were 1 cent lower throughout the region. Trading on regular commitments, for this week's deliveries, reported at mainly lower prices with new negotiations at mixed levels. Offerings remained ample on heavy weight product with lighter weights adequate overall and held with a degree of confidence. Buying interest reduced but was fair. Demand by retailers moderate to fairly good, best for parts. Dealers reported satisfactory weekend clearances. Trading reported on parts for this week's delivery: leg quarter bulk 19-22 and 20.5-25 on 4/10s, bone in breast 68-74 and boneless 115-121, boneless leg meat 55-58. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG weighted average was 45.94 up 1.82 with the volume reported at 32 loads down 6 percent from last week.

**MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER** Final majority prices were unchanged to 2 cents lower from last Monday's final majority's. Trade sentiment on whole fryers about steady. Offers were light but adequate for buyer's current needs. Movement into retail outlets light to fair at best. Fast food demand in a full range, slow to good. Floor stocks were adequate. Weights were in a desirable range. Parts demand generally limited. Supplies of wings ample, breast items fully adequate and leg quarters adequate. Trade sentiment weak on wings, steady to barely steady on breast items and steady on leg items.

**DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS** Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds increased slightly following the weekend, but generally was no better than fair. Seller offering were more than sufficient for current inquiry. Live supplies were moderate; weights were in a full range of light to heavy. Processor schedules were moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 47 to 61 cents. Trade sentiment was steady at best. In the parts complex, Breast items were at least adequate to fully adequate. Other items were fully adequate to ample and were competitively priced to stimulate additional interest.

\*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARA.

### U.S. GRADE A

RANGE	43-64
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	48.21
NO. OF BOXES	9,166

\*8 of 8 plants reporting.

**NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS** Trucklot buying activity was light to fair entering the week as dealers cautiously assessed the market. Offerings of breast items were at least sufficient. Dark meat cuts were available. Wings and tenderloins were fully adequate. Movement through retail and distributive channels was fair to moderate. The market tone was no better than steady.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ITEM	CURRENT	WTD	VOLUME
NEGOTIATED TRADING	AVG	/LBS	
BREAST - B/S	125	127.36	333,200
TENDERLOINS	120	126.78	163,360
BREAST - WITH RIBS	61-62	68.25	172,360
BREAST - LINE RUN	61	64.59	133,280
LEGS	31-32	32.96	156,600
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	17-18	17.60	470,479
DRUMSTICKS	28-29	30.20	86,640
THIGHS	20-21	32.15	50,960
B/S THIGHS	62-63	65.81	77,220
WINGS (WHOLE)	51-52	55.72	307,040
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.25	34,800
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	32.69	6,920
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55-60	63.48	13,920

\* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

\*\* WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

**ARKANSAS BROILER/FRYER PARTS** F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	LBS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WT. AVG
BREAST - B/S	1,311	112.00-129.00	112-122	119.82
TENDERLOINS	60	115.00-158.00	-	129.33
BREAST - WITH RIBS	220	55.00-86.00	55-65	61.45
FRONT HALVES	400	45.00-52.00	-	48.60
LEGS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	801	15.00-17.00	15-16	15.50
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,384	17.00-19.00	17	17.31
WINGS (WHOLE)	249	31.00-58.00	41-42	38.90
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	1,818	17.00-25.00	-	17.58

#### ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	10/07	10/03	10/03	09/30	09/26
ALA	4,018	4,094	5.04	4,094	5.09
ARK	5,363	5,273	4.97	5,379	5.06
DELMARVA	2,323	2,381	5.10	2,317	5.13
KY-LA-TN	2,028	1,910	4.63	2,008	4.68
MISS	2,974	2,930	5.20	2,664	5.34
NC	2,591	2,779	6.04	2,658	6.02
TEXAS	2,446	2,470	4.84	2,484	4.91
TOTAL	21,743	21,837	5.12	21,604	5.18
MON	21,743(A)			21,604(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 07-Oct 2002 is estimated to be 32,530,000 up 0.34 percent from a week ago and up 5.80 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 32,419,000 last year 30,746,000)

**SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS** F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD
				AVG
BREAST - B/S	916	114.00-189.00	120-126	124.98
TENDERLOINS	139	125.00-183.00	125-130	139.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	95	72.00-78.00	73-75	74.53

FRONT HALVES TOO FEW TO REPORT  
LEGS TOO FEW TO REPORT

LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	388	15.00-18.00	15-16	15.94
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,568	18.00-24.00	18-20	19.47
WINGS (WHOLE)	281	54.00-59.00	57-59	57.93
WINGS (CUT)	479	63.00-77.00	64-67	66.82
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

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WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS  
TRADING FOR OCT 07, 2002 — F.O.B. DOCK.

TODAY'S RANGE	5-DAY AVERAGE	AVERAGE
32.00 - 34.50	32.97	32.95

**MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER** ICE-PACKED POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES DELIVERED TO: IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, AND WI WEEK OF 07-OCT - 11-OCT-2002 CENTS PER POUND

	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	114.00 - 135.00	115.00 - 125.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	62.00 - 90.00	63.00 - 68.00
LEGS	25.00 - 37.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	17.00 - 23.00	17.00 - 19.00
DRUMSTICKS	20.00 - 35.00	-
THIGHS	18.00 - 26.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	31.00 - 72.00	49.00 - 51.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10.00 - 20.00	-
LIVERS	25.00 - 42.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40.00 - 52.00	-

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	81
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	84-88
FROZEN HENS 5# & UP	

FROZEN DUCKS  
FROZEN SQUABS 589

**DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)**

FRESH FRYERS	90-92
ROASTERS 4# & UP	80-95
HENS UNDER 5#	-
HENS OVER 5#	75
DUCKS	-
RABBITS-WHOLE	-
RABBITS-CUT UP	-

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY**

**DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK 92-95
	DRY PACK 96-103
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK 104
	DRY PACK 113
HENS OVER 5#	DRY PACK -
	ICE PACK 92-98
DUCKS	152-166

**EASTERN REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN**

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE EASTERN REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

04-OCT-2002				
CHICKEN				
PRICES (Cents per Pound)				
FAT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

**CHICKEN WITH SKIN ADDED** PRICES (Cents per Pound) VOLUME

FAT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	16.00-17.50	13.50-16.00	1,067,000	544,000
WTD AVERAGE	16.64	14.32		
15-20%				
RANGE	13.50-15.00	9.00-16.00	1,550,000	332,000
WTD AVERAGE	13.92	11.90		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

\* INCLUDES THE STATES of CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

**SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN** Trading levels were slightly lower compared to the past week. Demand was only fair for fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Finished sales were moderate with supplies in line with production schedules. Trade sentiment was about steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \*  
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER  
THE WEEK OF 07-OCT-02

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD
	CENTS/LB.		AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	4.75-11.25	8-9	8.59

\*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

**CENTRAL REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN**

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE CENTRAL REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

04-OCT-2002				
CHICKEN				
PRICES (Cents per Pound)				
FAT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

**CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED** PRICES (Cents per Pound) VOLUME

FAT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	15.50	14.00	101,200	-
WTD AVERAGE	15.50	14.00		
15-20%				
RANGE	12.00-13.75	9.00-14.00	1,078,800	448,800
WTD AVERAGE	12.75	10.18		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

\* INCLUDES THE STATES of AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

**SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN** Majority prices were slightly irregular when compared to a week earlier. Offerings were fully adequate for the generally light to fair demand. Processing schedules were reported as normal. Finished product supplies were about adequate to adequate and clearing. The undertone was steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \*FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 07-OCT-02.

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD
			AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	5-10	7-9	8.36
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

\*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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